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Authorized Representative of [Full Legal Name of Carrier]

Certification Accepted/Rejected	by [SBC Entit	ty]		
Reasons for Rejection:			<del></del>	
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!	Option 1	Option 2			
	Is the carrier the		On the loop portion of the For the entire If facility incl	udes	
1	exclusive		circuit, state the number facility, is at multiplexing.	do Is at least	
]	provider of end		of activated channels have least 10% of each of the D	SI 50% of	
For each circuit ID in Specia	user's local	Does the carrier handle at least 1/3 of	at least 5% local voice   traffic local   circuits meet	the portion of	
Access configuration	exchange service?	the identified customer's local traffic?	traffic individually? voice traffic? conditions	?	
Customer Name Facility ID and Address		Total lines Total provided customer by lines at Carrier at Yes No address address	Number of Active channels carrying 5% local voice	o Yes	

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Option 3 Does the entire   If facility includes									
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	of traffic on	special access		multiplexing, do					
	els on loop	arrangement have							
		at least 33% local		circuits meet the					
traffic	traffic?		voice traffic?		conditions?				
	Number of Active channels carrying								
	5% local								
	voice								
No	traffic	Yes	No	Yes	No				